Exhibit A
Youth Poet Laureate Participant Agreement

Thank you for participating in the Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate Contest, a program aimed at identifying and celebrating young poets committed to artistic excellence, civic engagement and social justice. To be eligible for the Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate Contest, you acknowledge that you authored and submitted at least the following original five poems entitled:

1._________________________________________________________________________________________
2._________________________________________________________________________________________
3._________________________________________________________________________________________
4._________________________________________________________________________________________
5._________________________________________________________________________________________

(such poems, together with all other poems you submit to Long Beach Public Library or Urban Word in the future, your “Submission”).

If you are a finalist of the Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate Contest, you may be automatically entered into Urban Word’s Regional Youth Poet Laureate Contest and Urban Word’s National Youth Poet Laureate Contest (each of the three contests, a “Contest Level”).

By signing this form:

• You agree to provide Long Beach Public Library with a copy of your CV/resume and biography, and if you choose, your photograph (such provided materials collectively, the “Supplemental Material”) and your Submission along with a signed copy of this agreement.

• You authorize Long Beach Public Library and Urban Word, and, in each case, its licensees, authorized representatives, successors and assigns (individually or collectively, “Licensee”), to use, reproduce, publish, display, make available to the public, distribute, transmit, create derivative works of and otherwise exploit your Submission and the Supplemental Material (or, in each case, any portion thereof) throughout the world, in all languages, markets, media and formats, in connection with the current and future programs, events, offerings, advertising, publicity and promotional activities of Licensee (the “Authorized Purposes”). You understand that Licensee reserves the right to edit and supplement the Supplemental Material in its reasonable discretion.

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• You agree that Licensee does not need to make any payments to you for the above rights, that the above rights will last forever, and that Licensee will be able to sublicense such rights to third parties in connection with the Authorized Purposes.

• You acknowledge that you own the copyright in your Submission and have the right to grant the above rights.
• You waive any moral rights or equivalent rights in and to your Submission, the Supplemental Material and the Recording.

• You agree that if you are a winner at any Contest Level, you will include the following notice in all future reproductions, publications, displays or distributions of your Submission (or any portion thereof) for one year following such time as you become a winner of the highest Contest Level you win:

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• You release Licensee from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of any of your Submission, your Supplemental Material or the Recording, including any claims for libel, defamation, infringement of the right of publicity, invasion of privacy, portrayal in a false light or intellectual property infringement.

• You agree that if you win the title of Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate, you will abide by all of the additional obligations set forth on Schedule 1.

My signature below indicates my understanding and acceptance of the terms of this Youth Poet Laureate Participant Agreement.

_______________________ _______________________________ 
Printed Name of Participant Signature of Participant Date

**Parent/Guardian Consent**

If the Participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign below.

My signature below indicates my understanding and acceptance of the terms of this consent, license and release on behalf of _______________________________ ("Participant"). I am the parent or legal guardian of Participant and have read this consent, license and release. I affirm the rights and consents granted by Participant and acknowledge that Licensee is relying upon the rights and consents granted by Participant and by me.

_______________________ _______________________________ 
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian Signature of Parent/Guardian Date
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Schedule 1

- You agree to attend at least 6 (six) engagements (e.g., readings, performances, workshops, and community events), as well as to participate as able in monthly Youth Poet Laureate Cohort meetings and craft lessons.

- If Licensee requests, you agree to provide Licensee with one clean poem (free of profanity and explicit content) for publication and display on Licensee’s websites.

- If Licensee requests, you agree to provide five additional poems.

- You agree to discuss with Urban Word the opportunity to enter into a management agreement with Urban Word.